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has just died at Jamesburg, N. J. He sent some of his first samples to the President and to Queen Victoria, and got a letter of thanks from each. More practical tribute to the value of the discovery has been paid at many millions of dinner tables since then.

#### EAST RIVER PARK CONCERTS.

It has been the almost unanimous desire of the residents in the vicinity of East River Park that the public concerts given in that park should be in the evening instead of the afternoon. Yielding to that desire and to the persistent urgings of THE EVENING WORLD, the Park Commissioners, through President Dana, ordered that an "experimental" evening concert should take place. It will be given at 8 o'clock this evening.

The "experiment" will doubtless be a grand and undeniable success. But yesterday, before the "experiment" had been tried, the Park Commissioners, singularly enough, "resolved" that the concert should take place in the afternoon for the remainder of the season.

The excuse for this official shilly-shallying is said to be the fact that the contract with Bandmaster Hall, of the Old Guard Band, is for afternoon concerts, and that the musicians have other evening engagements. But Mr. Hall tells THE EVENING WORLD that he knows the people desire evening concerts, and while it would inconvenience him he would be willing, notwithstanding his contract, to play in the evening for the rest of the season.

Now, if the Park Commissioners' "experimental" concert was not a sham, it must have meant that if the "experiment" proved a success the wishes of the people should be respected, and the concert should thereafter be given in the evening. If Bandmaster Hall is willing to forego his contract and make the change, why should the Park Commissioners doggedly object?

It is to be hoped that the Park Board will reconsider its inconsistent resolution adopted at yesterday's meeting.

#### A MEMORABLE ANNIVERSARY.

The patriotic French residents of the city will celebrate to-day as the anniversary of the fall of the Bastille one hundred and three years ago.

The old Bastille was the representative of the long years of oppression, injustice and cruelty which led to the French Revolution.

The city authorities very properly display the French flag on the City Hall in conjunction with the National flag in honor of the day. France now enjoys free government, and there is every hope and prospect that the French Republic will not only last, but will grow stronger from year to year as the French people learn to appreciate more and more the blessing of liberty, equality and fraternity.

#### PUT TO SLEEP.

The Free Silver bill passed by the Republican Senate was practically killed by the Democratic House yesterday by a vote of 136 yeas to 154 nays. The question was on agreeing to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Rules in favor of making the bill a special order for yesterday and the next legislative day. The defeat of this report puts the Stewart bill to sleep at the bottom of the calendar for the session.

Several Democratic Congressmen who favor free coinage voted against the bill as opposed to the Democratic platform of honest money, and on the ground that the issue of tariff reform, tax reduction and protection against Force bills are of too great importance to be weakened by any other issue.

The country is to be congratulated on the result. There was but slight danger that the Stewart bill would become a law. But it was not desirable that a bill so directly in conflict with all sound financial principles should receive the sanction of both Houses of Congress.

#### A VANDERBILT GRAB.

The persistent efforts of the Vanderbilt corporations to fill up the Harlem River, so that their railroads can come into New York without the cost of bridges or tunnels, cropped up again in the Park Commission yesterday. The Park Board has been invited to give its opinion on the proposition before the Board of United States Engineers next Tuesday, and the Park Commission expresses the opinion that the proposed filling up would "reclaim much taxable property."

When the Harlem River Improvement is completed and a ship canal connects the two rivers, the new dockage it will give to the city, and the improvement of now idle land for valuable business purposes, will add millions upon millions to the assessed valuation of real estate for taxation, and will vastly increase the commercial business of the metropolis. The great work will be of more importance to the future interests of the city than any public improvement that has been made in the last century.

Let it be distinctly understood that this confiscation of the Harlem River, with all the advantages it promises in the future, is sought only in the interest of the Vanderbilt corporations, which, with the special privileges they enjoy, would prevent any other railroad from entering the city. Those corporations would be well pleased to see the canal of the State also confiscated and "filled up," and the "taxable property" at present used for the purposes of the great waterway "reclaimed" for the benefit of the taxpayers.

#### TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU!

Take your EVENING WORLD home with you. It has all the news of the current day and many pleasant features that will make the hours until bedtime pass smoothly and with soothing results to your tired muscles or weary brains.

Then, the women of the house will be glad to get it, too. There is a department for them on this page which they will not care to do without after they have made its acquaintance. In the "House and Home" columns they will find just what they want presented in a manner that will make it all the more welcome to them.

In the line of news for women THE EVENING WORLD will keep ahead of all competition, as it does in all other news lines. Any novel or startling achievement of the fair sex,

whether it be skirt-dancing or skirt-tumbling or comet-chasing in the skies of science, will have its first record in metropolitan columns. So take your EVENING WORLD home with you and give your wives and daughters a chance to enjoy good reading that is specially prepared for their delectation.

#### CHICAGO SHOULD REFUSE.

Senator Quay has not been very successful recently. He has been under a cloud. The newspapers have not treated him with the most distinguished courtesy. He is understood to have been rather "out" with the White House magnates. He and his political chums are not supposed to have found much favor in the eyes of the ruling powers. But the turning of the lame steers to have been reached. The Pennsylvania Senator achieved a triumph yesterday. His amendment to the bill making an appropriation for memorial half-dollars to the World's Fair, requiring that the Exposition shall be closed "on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday," was adopted by a vote of 28 to 20, and for the first time since Minneapolis a smile of happy contentment stole over the Senator's features.

There is some reason to believe we may say hope that the Fair Managers will have the good sense and the courage to reject the appropriation, if it is to be hampered with this impertinent interference of the Senate in a matter with which it has no concern. The closing of the Exposition on Sunday is a proposition to encourage dissipation and vice. Tens of thousands of strangers will be in Chicago during the Fair who would spend Sunday in the Exposition Buildings if they should be open on that day, but who will be idle and seek other pastimes if the buildings should be closed. Senator Quay, who quoted one of the Ten Commandments in support of his Sunday-closing amendment, should recall the words of the old hymn, "Satan finds some mischief still, for idle hands to do."

#### SUMMER-SLAIN BABES

One Hundred and Twenty-six of Them Perish in a Single Day.

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